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HULK

2099



CONTINUING OUR
ONCE IN A LIFETIME
PREQUEL TO
HULK 2099 #1

MAL.



THANK
YOU FOR THIS
LAST-MINUTE MEETING,
MISTER MEYER. AS I
PROMISED, I HAVE
SOMETHING NEW TO
CONTRIBUTE TO OUR
NEGOTIATIONS.

I HOPE
YOU'VE ENJOYED
DOING BUSINESS
WITH DRACO!

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TELL
MY BUSINESS
AFFAIRS PEOPLE
THAT THE OTHER
PARTY TRYING TO
BUY LOTUSLAND
ENTERTAINMENT...
HAS JUST DROPPED
OUT OF THE
BIDDING.

Y-YES,
SIR.

THEN,
WHILE MY
CYBERNETIC HALF
PROBES THE
DATABASE MEYER
COLLECTED ON
LOTUSLAND...

WAIT.

INTERESTING.
LOTUSLAND OWNS
SECRET INFORMATION
ON THE KNIGHTS OF
THE BANNER.

THE
WHO?!

YOU
DON'T
NEED TO
KNOW.

LET'S JUST SAY
THAT SERENDIPITY
IS A WONDERFUL
THING.

THIS IS MY PLACE. FOR NOW.

THESE ARE MY GUESTS. FOR NOW.

I DON'T NEED HIM!

THE LAST SURVIVING KNIGHT OF THE BANNER DOESN'T NEED ANYBODY'S HELP!

SAWAIN, YOU CAN'T GO OUT THERE INJURED -- KNOWING NOTHING ABOUT SURVIVING IN THE CITY!

JOHN MAY BE COLD AND SELFISH -- BUT HE SAVED YOUR LIFE AND YOU NEED HIM! YOU HAVE TO TELL HIM TO STAY HERE AND TAKE CARE OF YOU!

WAIT A MINUTE, QUIRK -- I'M NOT THE ONE WHO NEEDS HIM!

YOU WANT JOHN TO STAY WITH ME -- SO YOU DON'T LOSE HIM!

I... DON'T WANT TO LOSE...

...JOHN?

WHY SHOULD I GIVE A SHOCK ABOUT JOHN BISBENHART?

HE SAVED MY SKIN ONCE -- OUT OF PRINCIPLE! SINCE THEN HE'S USED MY HELP, USED ME AS A NURSE FOR YOU --

-- AND TOLD ME HE'S BAILING, TO GO LIVE IN THE DESERT LIKE A HAPPY LITTLE HULK!

I'M LEAVING THAT TRANS-MOGRIFYING GAMMA-FREAK...

...AND I'M ABOUT IT!

YEAH, SURE YOU ARE.

NIRVANA CDS... DOC MARTENS... COLLECTED WISDOM OF BILL CLINTON...

...SPIKE LEE GLASSES... "LIMBAUGH IN '96" PIN... ANTI- MILITANT POSTER... SEINFELD TAPES...

...MY WHOLE THUMPIN' 1990S COLLECTION! THERE AIN'T GONNA BE NOTHIN' LEFT OF QUIRK WHEN YOU GET BACK, JOHNNIE!



BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU CARRY THAT STUFF, QUIRK.

ACK!

A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE'D LOVE TO STEAL A FEW 20TH CENTURY ANTIQUES.

THIS IS ME.

FOR NOW. MY PINK-BOY SELF, TRYING TO TIE UP HIS OBLIGATIONS SO THE REAL ME CAN BREATHE FREE.

I'M NOT GOING TO DUMP YOU AND GAWAIN ON THIS CITY OF VIPERS.

BEFORE I LEAVE FOR THE DESERT, I'M TAKING YOU TO SAFE HAVENS.

HOW NOBLE OF YOU.

NOW I'M GOING TO GET MORE MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR GAWAIN...

"...AND WHEN I COME BACK," I FINISHED, "I HOPE YOU'LL STILL BE HERE."

AND I DO HOPE THEY'RE THERE. BOTH OF 'EM. MORE THAN I CAN LET 'EM KNOW.

IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH, LEAVING. BUT IT'S WHAT THE SOUL OF THE HULK DEMANDS.

THIS IS LOTUSLAND. WHERE I'VE BEEN SELLING MY SOUL FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS.

I KNOW HOW TO CRASH SECURITY HERE, AND I KNOW WHAT'S IN THE STUDIO'S INFIRMARY.

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF, "IT'S FOR GAWAIN. IT'S TO MAKE UP FOR WHAT I DID." OTHERWISE, I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN TAKE THIS...

...SNEAKING AROUND IN THIS SCRAWNY PINK BODY, PLAYING THE GAMES HUMANS PLAY... ...WITHOUT GOING INSANE.

WHAT'S THAT -- ?!

KILLER DROIDS -- JUST LIKE THE ONES I
HAD TO STOP FROM SLAUGHTERING THOSE
STRIKING WORKERS THIS MORNING!

THEY DON'T BELONG
HERE! AND THEY
SHOULDN'T
BE TAKING
THOSE FILES!

LOTUSLAND
EMPLOYEE!

WE REGRET THAT
WE ARE REQUIRED
TO KILL YOU.

POLITE
GUN-BOYS,
HUH?

ZAK

THAT'S A GOOD
TRAIT TO HAVE IN
THE CORPORATE
WORLD.

FMF

FMF

JUST TOO
DARN BAD
FOR YOU --

-- THAT I'M
QUITTING
THE COMPANY!

SSHHRROKK!

BWOOOM

BIG GUN, CLOSE RANGE.

BIG FIST.

KRAK

EVEN CLOSER.

POP

EMERGENCY ALTERNATE
PROCEDURE ENACTED.
DISKS IN READ-MODE,
DOWNLOAD BEGINNING.

DOWNLOAD COMPLETE,
BEGIN TRANSMISSION FOR
UPLOAD TO...

< Interrupt >

ALERT!
ALERT!
ALERT!
A--

YOU'RE TALKING TO YOURSELF, MISTER MACHINE!

BUT HEY, SO AM I.

PRRAKT

THAT'S THE NICE THING ABOUT BEING THIS UGLY. THERE'S NO POINT TO BEING EMBARRASSED ANYMORE.

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO...

WHAT?

"KNIGHTS OF THE BANNER" AND "JOHN BIGG-HEART"?

SOMEBODY'S TRACKING THE KNIGHTS...AND THEY'VE LINKED 'EM TO ME. MEANING QUIRK AND GAWAIN ARE SITTING DUCKS...

-- UNLESS I DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

AND DO SOMETHING HE DOES! EVERY MONTH, BEGINNING IN HULK 2099 #1!